

Rock Island County Board  
Human Services Committee  
August 8, 2005

The Human Services Committee of the Rock Island County Board met on Monday; August 8, 2005 in the conference room of the County Board Office. Chairperson Karen Calvillo called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

Committee Members Present: Calvillo, Ballard, Jacobs, Maranda and Perez

Committee Members Absent: Ellis and Meersman

Others Present: James E. Bohnsack, Trudy Whittington, Donna Wilkerson, Todd Harlow, Diana Robinson and Liz Haynes

Motion: Mr. Perez moved, Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the minutes of the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Carried.

Condition of Funds

Ms. Robinson advised that the reports are not prepared yet due to the earliness of the month's meetings.

Veterans Assistance Commission

Mr. Harlow presented the petty cash report at \$551.32. A total of 101 veterans were assisted totaling \$10,258. (Record)

Motion: Mr. Ballard moved, Mr. Maranda seconded to approve the petty cash report. Carried.

Motion: Mr. Perez moved, Mr. Maranda seconded to approve the assistance report. Carried.

University of Illinois Extension

Ms. Hayes first informed the committee that Unit Leader Joy Thompson had been issued a 6 month termination contract. She is no longer working for the Rock Island County office. She then presented information to the committee about plans for the Ralph Martin farm, which is 240 acres. She will work on this project as an internship for January through June. Also presented was a brochure on the Master Naturalist program. (Record)

Motion: Mr. Maranda moved, Mr. Perez seconded to approve. Carried.

### Health Department

Reports and transfers in the packet - no quorum at Board of Health. No action by Human Services.

### Regional Office of Education

No report - no show

### Oak Glen Home

Ms. Whittington presented the census at 69.12% with an occupancy of 171. (Record)

Motion: Mr. Maranda moved, Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve. Carried.

Financial reports indicated a beginning balance of \$1,689,175.09 less claims of \$266,763.61 for an ending balance of \$1,422,411.48. The state of Illinois currently owes Oak Glen Home \$256,112.26 for July. (Record)

Motion: Mr. Perez moved, Mr. Maranda seconded to approve the report. Carried.

Ms. Whittington advised that the Alzheimer Unit is on target to be completed by the end of September with move in around mid to late October. Out of 137 entries, the name of **Crossroads at Oak Glen** has been chosen for the new unit. Asbestos work has been completed on the new unit.

Life safety code survey plan of correction/waivers has been submitted. Some minor issues were corrected, but 15 of the 22 violations require a waiver in order to complete. Many of the violations are very costly to repair, such as sprinklers for the entire facility, shut off valves for all pipes, and fire shaft walls between levels. Ms. Whittington is seeking grants, however not many exist for this type of work. Representative Pat Verschoore, Senator Mike Jacobs, Chairman Bohnsack and Vice-Chairman Brandmeyer toured the facility recently and discussed various options. The State legislators will take the issues to Springfield. One option discussed briefly was to sell some of the 300 acres and build a new facility. Mr. Ballard encouraged strong discussions as to the cost of repair versus new. An emergency purchase of a fire proof cabinet totaling \$800 was approved by the Chairman. Ms. Whittington asked permission to seek bids for architect services for the life safety code repairs. The committee wanted to hold off on this until more information from the State legislators is returned.

Ms. Whittington requested permission to go out to bids for electrical services to install the lights from the former Case plant.

Motion: Mr. Ballard moved, Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve going out to bid. Carried.

Ms. Whittington requested permission to purchase a typewriter for nursing. Chairman Bohnsack advised that the County Board Office acquired another typewriter that they could have.

Ms. Whittington requested permission to renew the annual contract with Midland Communications for the phone system at a cost of \$996 which is no change.

Motion: Mr. Jacobs moved, Mr. Maranda seconded to approve. Carried.

For information, Ms. Whittington advised that negotiations on a new three year contract will begin shortly. The policy manual will be updated to match contractual language. The Home is in need of summer produce donations. Due to the weather, their fresh produce donations are down. Mr. Ballard offered produce from the Correctional Center. He will arrange for this.

Ms. Whittington informed the committee of a new regulation for resident background checks. The checks are to be done twice a year and 90 days before the annual license survey. This is the same check that is currently done on employees. The cost is \$16 per background check.

Ms. Whittington requested permission to hire 4 full time CNA's and 7 bargaining unit step increases. (Record)

Motion: Mr. Maranda moved, Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve. Carried.

Motion: Mr. Ballard moved, Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the transfers as presented. Carried.

Motion: Mr. Maranda moved, Mr. Jacobs seconded to approve the claims. Carried.

Chairman Bohnsack encouraged 100% participation from the County Board Members in the QC PAWS fund raiser. This fund raiser is for the new animal shelter.

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

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